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RELATION
OF THE
Bloody Massacre
IN
IRELAND;

Acted by the Instigation of the *Jesuits, Priests, and Friars*, who were Promoters of those Horrible Murders, Prodigious Cruelties, Barbarous Villanies, and Inhuman Practices Executed by the *Irish Papists* upon the *English Protestants*: With an Account of the *Spanish Inquisition*.

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When their Plots were ripe for Execution, we had their first proceedings against the *English* various: some of the *Irish* only stripping and expelling them; others murdering Men, Women, and Children without mercy; all resolving universally to root out all the *Protestants* of Ireland: so deeply malicious were they against the *English Protestants*, that they would not so much as endure the sound of their Language.

The Priests gave the Sacrament unto divers of the *Irish*, upon condition they should neither spare Man, Woman, nor Child of the *Protestants*. One *Enligor*, a Priest, read an Excommunication

nication againſt all thoſe, that from henceforth ſhould relieve or harbour any *Engliſh, Scottiſh, or Welch-man*, or give them alms, whereby many were Familiſhed to dearth. The Friars exhorted them with Tears, not to ſpare any of the *Engliſh*.

The day before this Maſſacre began, *Anno*. 1642. the Priests gave the People a diſmiſs at Maſs, with liberty to go out, and take poſſeſſion of all their Lands, as alſo to ſtrip, and rob, and deſpoil them of all their goods and cattle.

The *Iriſh*, when this Maſſacre began, perſwaded many of their *Proteſtant* Neighbours to bring their Goods to them, and they would ſecure them, and hereby they got abundance peaceably into their hands, whereof they cheated the *Proteſtants*, reſuſing to reſtore them again; yet ſo confident were the *Proteſtants* at firſt of them, that they gave them Inventories of all they had, and digged up their beſt things that were hidden in the ground, and depoſited them in their Cuſtody. They alſo got much into their hands by fair Promiſes, deep Oaths and Engagements, that if they would deliver them their goods, they would ſuffer them, with their Wives and Children, quietly to depart the Country; and when they had got what they could, they afterwards murdered them.

Having thus ſeized upon their goods and cattel, ranſackt their houſes, got their perſons, ſtrip Man, Woman, and Child naked, and ſo turned them out of doors, ſtrictly prohibiting the *Iriſh* under great penalties, not to give them any relief; by means hereof many miſerably perſiſt through cold, nakedneſs, and hunger.

In the Town of *Coleraine*, many of theſe poor people that fled thither for ſuccour, many thouſands died in two days, ſo that the living could not bury the dead, but laid their Carcaſſes in ranks in vaſt and wide holes, piling them up as if they had been Herrings.

One *Magdalen Redman* depoſeth, that ſhe, and divers other *Proteſtants*, amongſt whom were two and twenty Widows, were firſt robbed, and then ſtrip Naked, and when they had covered themſelves with Straw, the bloody *Papiſts* threw in burning ſtraw amongſt them, on purpoſe to burn them; then they drove them out into the Woods in Froſt and Snow, where many of them died with extream Cold, and thoſe that ſurvived, lived miſerably by reaſon of their many wants.

Yet though thoſe bloody Villains exerciſed ſuch inhumane Cruelties towards the poor *Proteſtants*, they would commonly boaſt, *That theſe were but the beginning of their ſorrows*, for indeed they made it good; for having diſarmed the *Engliſh*, robbed them of their Goods, ſtrip them of their Cloths, and having their Perſons in their power, they furioſly broke out into all manner of abominable Cruelties, horrid Maſſacres, and execrable Murders.

For their were multitudes Murdered in cold Blood, ſome as they were at Plough, others in their Houſes, others in the High-ways; all without any provocation, were ſuddenly deſtroyed.

In the Caſtle of *Lilgoole*, were about one hundred and fifty Men, Women and Children conſumed with Fire. At the Caſtle of *Tullab*, which was delivered to *Mac Guire*, upon compoſition, and faithful promiſes of fair quarter, as ſoon as he and his entered, they began to ſtrip the People, and moſt cruelly put them to the Sword, Murdering them all without mercy.

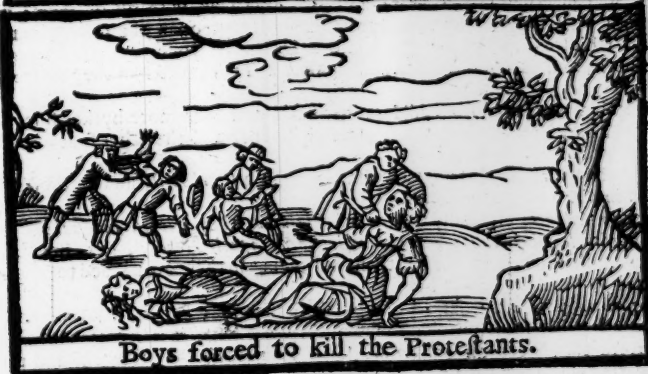
At *Liſſenkeath*, they Hanged and Killed above one hundred of the *Scottiſh Proteſtants*. In the Counties of *Armagh* and *Tyrone*, where the *Proteſtants* were more numerous, their Murthers were more multiplied, and with greater cruelty.

Mac Guire coming to the Caſtle of *Liſſenkeath*, deſired to ſpeak with *Mr. Middleton*, who admitted him in, he firſt burnt the Records of the County, then demanded one thouſand Pounds which was in his cuſtody of *Sir William Baiſfores*, which as ſoon as he had, he cauſed *Mr. Middleton* to hear Maſs, and to ſwear that he would never alter from it, and then Hanged him up with his Wife and Children; Hanging and Murdering above one hundred Perſons beſides in that place.

At *Portendown-Bridg*, there were One thouſand Men, Women, and Children, carried in ſeveral Companies, and all unmercifully drowned in the River. Yea, in that Country there were four thouſand perſons drowned in ſeveral places.

Some aged Men and Women, theſe barbarous *Papiſts* inforced their own Children to drown them; yea, ſome Children were compelled unnaturally to execute their own Parents, Wives forced

forced to hang their own Husbands, and Mothers to cast their own Children into the *Waters*, after which themselves were Murthered. In *Sligo* they forced a Young Man to kill his Father, and then hanged him up. In another place they forced a Woman to kill her Husband, then caused her Son to kill her, and then hanged the Son; yea such was their malice against the *English* that they taught their Children to kill *English* Children.



In one place an hundred and forty *English* were taken and driven like Cattle for many miles together. Other companies they carr ed out to a place fit for execution, and then murdered them. One hundred and fifteen Men, Women, and Children, they sent with Sir *Philem O'neal's* Pass till they came to *Portendown-Bridg*, and there drowned them.

At another time One hundred and forty *Protestants*, being thrown in at the same place, as any of them swam to shore, the bloody Villains with the But ends of their Muskets knockt out their Brains.

At *Armagh*, *O Cane* got together all the *Protestants* thereabouts, pretending to conduct them to *Coleraine*; but before they were a dayes journey, they were all murdered, and so were many others, though they had *Protections* from *Sir Philem Oneal*. The Aged People of *Armagh* were carried to *Charlemont*, and there murdered.

Presently after the Town of *Armagh* was burnt, and Five hundred Persons murdered and drowned. In *Kiloman* were Forty eight Families Murdered. In one house Twenty two *Protestants* were burned. In *Kilmore* all the Inhabitants were Stript and Massacred, being Two hundred Families; the whole Country was a Common Butchery; many thousands perished by Sword, Famine, Fire, Water, and all other cruel Deaths, that rage and malice could invent.

At *Casel* they put all the *Protestants* into a loathsome Dungeon, kept them twelve Weeks in great misery. Some they barbarously mangled, and left them languishing; some they hanged up twice or thrice, others they buried alive.

In *Queens County*, an *English Man*, his Wife, five Children, and a Maid, were all hanged together. At *Clowns* seventeen Men were buried alive; some were wounded and hanged upon *Tenter-hooks*.

In *Casile-Cumber*, Two Boys wounded and hung upon Butchers Tenters. Some hanged up and taken down to confess money, and then murdered. Some had their Bellies ript up, and so left with their Guts about their Heels.

In *Kilkenny*, an *English Woman* was beaten into a Ditch, where she died; her Child about six years old, they ript up her Belly, and let out her Guts. One they forced to Maf, then they wounded him, ript his Belly, took out his Guts, and so left him alive.

A *Scottish Man* they stript and hewed to pieces, ript up his Wifes Belly, so that her Child drop out; many other Women they hung up with Child, ript their Bellies and let their Infants fall out; some of the Children they gave to Dogs.

In the County of *Armagh* they robbed, stripped, and murdered abundance of *Protestants*, whereof some they burned, some they slew with the Sword, some they hanged, some they starved to death; and meeting *Mrs. Howard*, and *Mrs. Frankland*, with six of their Children, and themselves both with Child, they murdered them all, ript open the Gentlewomens Bellies, took out their Children, and threw them into a Ditch. A young *Scottish Womans Child* they took by the heels, and dash'd out its Brains against a Tree; the like they did to many other Children.

Anne Hill, going with a young Child on her Back, and four more by her side, they pulled the Child off her Back, trod on it till it dyed; stripped her and the other four Children naked, whereby they dyed of Cold.

Some others they met with, hanged them up upon a *Wind-mill*, and before they were half dead, cut them in pieces with their *Skins*.

Many other *Protestants*, especially Women and Children, they pricked and stabbed with *Skins*, Forks, and Swords, slashing, cutting, and mangling them in their Heads, Faces, Breasts, Arms, and other parts, yet killed them not, but left them wallowing in their own Blood to languish, starve, and pine to death.

The Castle of *Lisgoole* being sat on fire by these merciless *Papists*, a Woman leapt out of a Window to save her self from burning, whom they presently murdered; many fled to *Vaults* and *Cellars*, were they were all murder'd. One *Joan Addis* they stabbed, and then put her Child of a quarter old to her Breast, and bid it Suck *English Bastard*, and so left it to perish.

One *Mary Barlow* had her Husband hanged, her self with six Children, strip'd naked in Frost and Snow, after which sheltering themselves in a Cave, they had nothing to eat for three Weeks but two old Calve-Skins, which they beat with stones, and so eat them hair and all.

In the cold weather, many thousands of *Protestants* of all ranks, ages, and sexes, being turned out naked, perished of cold and hunger; thousands of others were drowned, cast into *Ditches*, Bogs, and *Turf-pits*; multitudes miserably burnt in Houses; some that lay sick of Feavers they hanged up; some Men, Women, and Children, they drove into Boggy Pits, and knockt them on the heads.

The *Irish Trulls* that followed the Camp, cried out, Kill them all, spare neither Man, Woman, nor Child. They took the Child of *Thomas Stratton*, being about twelve Years old, and boiled him in a Cauldron. One good wife *Lin* and her Daughter they carried into a Wood, first

hanged the *Mother*, and then the *Daughter* in the hair of the *Mothers* head.

In some places they plucked out the Eyes, and cut off the Hands of the *Protestants*, and turned them into the Fields, where they perished. The *Women* in some places, stoned the *English Women and Children* to death. One Man they shot through his Thighs, digged a hole in the ground, set him in upon his Feet, fill'd up the hole, left out only his Head, where he languished to death. Another Man they held his Feet in the fire, till he was burnt to death.

In *Munster* they hanged up many *Ministers* in a most barbarous-manner. One *Minister* they stripped naked, and drove him through the Town; pricking him with Darts and Rapiers, till he fell down dead.

These barbarous Villains vowed, *That if any Parents digged Graves to bury their Children in, they should be buried therein themselves.* They stripped one *William Loverden* naked, then killed him before his *Wife and Children.* Divers *Ministers-bones* that had been buried some Years before, they digged up, because they were, as they say, *Patrons of Heresy.*

Poor Children that went out into the Fields to eat weeds and grass, they killed without all pity.

In one place they burnt two *Protestant Bibles*, and then said, *It was Hell fire they burnt.* Other Bibles they took, cut in pieces, and then burnt them; saying, *They would do the like to all Puritane Bibles.* They took the Bible of a Minister, called *Mr. Edward Slack*, and opening it, they laid it in a puddle of Water; and then stamped upon it, laying, *A plague on it, this Bible hath bred all the quarrel.*

At *Glasgow*, a Priest, with some others, drew about forty *English and Scottish Protestants* to be reconciled to the Church of *Rome*, and then told them, *They were in a good Faith; and for fear they should fall from it and turn Hereticks,* he with his companions presently cut all their throats.

In the County of *Tipperary*, near the *Silver-works*; some of these barbarous *Papists* met with eleven *English-men*, ten *Women*, and some *Children*; whom they first stript, and then with *Stones, Pole-axes, Skeins, Swords, &c.* they most barbarously Massacred them all.

In the County of *Mayo* about sixty *Protestants*, whereof fifteen were Ministers, were upon Covenant to be safely conveyed to *Galway* by one *Edmond Burk*, and his Souldiers; but by the way, this *Burk* and his company began to Massacre these poor *Protestants*; some they shot to death, some they stab'd with their Skeins, some they thrust through with their Pikes, some they drowned: The *Women* they stript naked, who lying upon their Husbands to save them, were run through with Pikes; so that very few of them escaped with life.

In the Town of *Sligo*, Forty *Protestants* were stript and locked up in a Cellar, and about midnight a Butcher provided for the purpose, was sent in amongst them; who with his Axe butchered them all.

In *Tirawly* thirty or forty *English*, who had yielded to go to Mass, were put to their choice, *Whether they would die by the Sword or be drowned?* They chose the latter, and so being driven to the Sea-side, these barbarous Villains, with their naked Swords forced them into the Sea; the *Mothers* with their *Children* in their Arms, wading to the Chin, were overcome by the Waves; where they all perished.

The Son of *Mr. Montgomery*, a Minister, aged about fifteen years, met with his *School-master*, who drew his Skein at him; whereupon the Boy said, *Good Master rob me as much as you will, but do not kill me.* Yet this merciless Tiger barbarously murdered him without all pity.

In the Town of *Sligo*, all the *Protestants* were first robbed of their Estates, then cast into Goal, and about mid-night were all stript naked, and were there most cruelly and barbarously murdered with Swords, Axes, Skeins, &c. Some of them being *Women* great with Child, their Infants thrust out their Arms and Legs at their Wounds; after which execrable murders, these Hell-hounds laid the dead naked bodies of the Men upon the naked bodies of the *Women*, in a most immodest posture; where they left them till the next day to be looked upon by the *Irish*, who beheld it with great delight. - Also *Isabel Beard*, great with Child, hearing the lamentable cries of those that were murdering, ran out into the Streets; where she was murdered, and the next day was found with the Childs feet coming out of the Wounds in her sides: Many others were murdered in the Houses and Streets.

Mr. Starkey, *School-master* at *Armagh*, being above one hundred years old, they stript him na-

ked, then took his two *Daughters*, being *Virgins*, whom they also stript naked, and then forced them to lead their aged Father to a *Turf-pit*, where they drowned them all three.

To one *Henry Cowl*, a gallant Gentleman, they proffered his life, if he would marry one of their *Trulls*, or go to *Mals*, but he chose death rather than to consent to either.

Many of the *Protestants* they buried alive, follacing themselves, whilst they were digging down old Ditches upon them.

They brake the Back-bone of a Youth, and left him in the Fields, some days after he was found, having eaten the Grass round about him; neither then would they kill him out-right, but removed him to better Pasture, wherein was fulfilled that saying, *The tender mercies of the wicked are cruelty*.

In the County of *Antrim*, they murdered Nine hundred fifty four *Protestants* in one morning, and afterwards above Twelve hundred more in that County. Near *Lisnegarvey*, they forced Twenty four *Protestants* into a House, and burnt them all.

Sir *Philem O Neale* boasted, *That he had slain above Six hundred at Garvah, and that he had left neither Man, Woman, nor Child alive in that Barony of Munterlong*. In other places he murdered above Two thousand Persons in their Houses; so that many Houses were filled with dead bodies.

The Lord *Mont Garret*, caused divers *English* Souldiers that had been taken about *Kilkenny*, to be hanged, hardly suffering them to pray before their death.

One *Fitz Patrick* an *Irish* Papist, enticed a rich Merchant, that was a *Protestant*, to bring all his Goods to his House, promising safely to keep them, and to re-deliver them to him, but when he had got them into his possession, he took the Merchant and his Wife, and hanged them both. The like he did by divers others.

Some *English-mens* Heads they cut off, and carried them to *Kilkenny*, and on the Market-day, set them on the Cross, where many, especially the Women, stab'd, cut, and slashed them.

A poor *Protestant* Woman, with her two Children, going to *Kilkenny*, these bloody Miscreants baited them with Dogs, stabbed them with Skeins, and pulled out the Guts of the Children, whereby they died; and not far off they took divers Men, Women and Children, and hanged them up; one of the Women being great with Child, they ripped up her Belly as she hanged, so that the Child fell out in the Cawl alive. Some after they were hanged, they drew up and down till their Bowels were torn out.

How many Thousands of *Protestants* were there thus inhumanly butchered, by sundry kinds of death, we cannot ascertain.

In the Province of *Ulster*, we find vast numbers murdered, as before; what the number of the slain was in the three Provinces, I find not upon Record, but certainly it was very great, for you have these passages in a general Remonstrance of the distressed *Protestants* in the Province of *Munster*. *We may (say they) compare our woe to the saddest parallel of any Story: Our Churches are propbanned by Sacrifices to Idols: Our Habitations are become ruinous heaps: No Quality, Age, or Sex, privileged from Massacres and lingering Deaths, by being robbed, stript naked, and so exposed to cold and famine. The famished Infants of murdered Parents swarm in our Streets, and for want of food perish before our Faces, &c. And all this cruelty that is exercised upon us, we know not for what cause, offence, or seeming provocation it is inflicted upon us (sin excepted) saying that we were Protestants, &c. We can make it manifest, that the depopulations in this Province of Munster, do well near equal those of the whole Kingdom, &c.*

And thus in part you have heard of the merciless Cruelties which the bloody *Irish* Papists exercised towards the *Protestants*. Let us now consider, at least some of Gods judgments upon the *Irish*, whereby he hath not left the innocent Blood of his Servants to be altogether unrevenged.

These bloody Hell-hounds, themselves confessed, *That the Ghost of divers of the Protestants which they had drowned at Portendown-Bridge, were daily seen to walk upon the River; sometimes singing Psalms; sometimes brandishing naked Swords; sometimes shrieking in a most hideous and fearful manner*. So that many of the *Papish Irish* which dwelt near thereabouts, being affrighted herewith, were forced to remove their Habitations farther off into the Country.

Carherine Cook testified upon Oath, *That when the Irish had barbarously drowned One hundred and eighty Protestants, Men, Women, and Children at Portendown Bridge, about nine Days after, she saw the apparition of a Man bolt-upright in the River, standing breast-high, with his hands lifted up to Heaven; and continued in that posture from December to the end of Lent, at which time some of st*

English Army passing that way, saw it also; after which it vanished away.

Elizabeth Price, testified upon Oath, That she and other Women, whose Husbands Children were drowned in that place, bearing of those Apparitions, went thither one Evening, at which time they saw one like a Woman rise out of the River breast-high, her Hair hanging down, which with her Skin, was as white as Snow, often crying out, Revenge, Revenge, Revenge, which so affrighted them that they went away.

A View of the Spanish Inquisition, and the Torments used towards such as fall into their Merciless Hands.

THis Inquisition was Erected by King Ferdinand of Spain, when he Conquered Granada, of a long time possessed by the Moors, and Jews, and design'd to oblige them to confess the Christian Faith; but was soon (at the Instigation of the Pope and his Clergy) turned against the true Professors of the Gospel. The manner is, as soon as any Information is given in, to cite the Party, who dares not refuse to come; or if he fly, they have their Scouts to find him out: When he is come, they wheedle him to make him accuse himself, pretending they are ignorant of the Cause of his coming; in which Cause, to deny, he knows is the best; otherwise, they send him to Prison and Triumph, they have what to accuse him out of his own Mouth: Or, if he denies, one or other steps up and accuses him, then is he sent to Prison in a dark Dungeon strictly examined: When if he comply not with all their Demands, they put him to the Rack: The first Torture they use, is the Pulley, when binding Hands and Thumbs, and hanging heavy Weights at his Feet, they draw him up, and then suddenly suffering him to sink half way, with the jerk, dislocate all his Joints: When he cries out, the Lords Inquisitors roars as loud, calling him Heretick Dog; or if he call upon Christ, they revile him, bidding him let Christ alone, and tell the Truth. When they have tortured him a long while, they demand of the Tormentor (who is dressed up in black Camis, like a Devil) if he has his other Torturing Engines ready, to which he replies No. Then they bid him get them against to-morrow, telling the Prisoner, if he recant not, all that he has suffered, is but a Flea-biting to what he must feel, when three daies after they torture him again upon a Wheel or Roaler, or by laying him in a Trough, pour Water down his Throat, driving before it a Rag, at the pulling out of which, a great quantity of Blood follows: They likewise anoint their Feet with Lard, and set them on hot Irons, and stretch them on a Rack; put lighted Torches to their Armpits: Nor do they spare Matrons or Virgins, stripping them stark naked: And if at twice Racking they recant not, then they are burnt. And thus a young English Gentleman was served, for throwing down the Host, as the Priests were carrying it through the Streets of Rome, whilst the ignorant Vulgar kneeled as it passed, and Worshipped it; he at the same time saying, *Oh Wretches that you are! Do you Worship a morsel of Bread?*

And so much of Popish Cruelties. From which, the Lord deliver all such as Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

These Particulars, with many more, were Attested, before the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

See more of such Cruelties in *Clark's Martirology.*

The Spanish Inquisition.



One Burned for throwing down the Host.



Some tortured in the Inquisition.



Others Rack'd in the Inquisition.

